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For: IMAGE DISPLAY DEVICE AND PORTABLE TERMINAL DEVICE USING THE

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- 1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-75049, published March 23, 2001, along with English Language Abstract.
- 2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2002-323612, published November 8, 2002, along with English Language Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

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37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

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Note (for the cited literature, see the List of Cited Literature)

• Claims : 1–3, 7, 11, 14, 15, 17, 18, and 20–23

• Cited literature : 1 and 2

Remarks

Making the reflection plate in the device described in Cited Literature 1 into a triangular shape in cross-section as per Cited Literature 2 would be easy for a person skilled in the art.

No reasons for rejection have been discovered as of now for inventions according to claims other than the claims indicated in this Notification of Reasons for Rejection. If any reasons for rejection are newly discovered, a Notification of Reasons for Rejection will be issued.

List of Cited Literature

- 1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-075049
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